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SUBJECT: LARDINOIS' VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AUGUST 27

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EC COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE LARDINOIS WILL VISIT WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 27. HE INTENDS TO DISCUSS WITH SECRETARY BUTZ AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION FOR SOYBEANS AND GRAINS AND, IN PARTICULAR, EXPORT AVAILABILITIES.

A PRESS RELEASE PROBABLY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION TODAY

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GIVING GENERAL INFORMATION ON LARDINOIS' PLANNED WASHINGTON VISIT.

END SUMMARY.

2. WE DISCUSSED LARDINOIS' FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON WITH HUSTINX OF HIS CABINET.

3. HUSTINX SAID THAT LARDINOIS WOULD DISCUSS IN DETAIL THE SOYBEAN AND GRAIN SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION IN THE US AND THE EC, AND IN THE REST OF THE WORLD. WE HAD ALREADY GIVEN LARDINOIS A COPY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LATEST US SUPPLY AND DEMAND TABLE (REF. B), AND WE EXPECT HE WILL WANT TO EXAMINE IT IN DETAIL, PARTICULARLY THE EXPORT AVAILABILITIES AND THEIR POSSIBLE INFLUENCE ON REIMPOSITION OF EXPORT CONTROLS. HUSTINX' COMMENTS REFLECTED LARDINOIS' STRONG VIEWS (REF. A) REGARDING THE NEGATIVE REACTION OF THE EC TO POSSIBLE REIMPOSITION OF SUCH CONTROLS. HUSTINX MENTIONED LARDINOIS' RELIEF AT HAVE LEARNED THAT AMBASSADOR EBERLE, SECRETARY BUTZ AND ASST. SECRETARY YEUTTER HAVE STRONGLY OPPOSED, IN PUBLIC SPEECHES, THE REIMPOSITION OF EXPORT CONTROLS ON SOYBEANS AND ON GRAINS.

4. HUSTINX SAID THAT AMBASSADOR EBERLE TOLD THE AD INTERIM WASHINGTON HEAD OF THE EC DELEGATION, HEIDENREICH, THAT HE WOULD RAISE WITH LARDINOIS OTHER PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE EC AND THAT HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED POULTRY, WINE, AND THE SOYBEAN CAP.

5. HUSTINX INITIALLY AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO PUT OUT AN ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE ON THE VISIT. HOWEVER, AFTER DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT OVER THE TELEPHONE WITH LARDINOIS (WHO IS PRESENTLY VACATIONING IN ITALY), HUSTINX INFORMED US THAT LARDINOIS INTENDS TO HAVE A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED TODAY (AUGUST 20) ON HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON. ACCORDING TO HUSTINX, THE PRESS RELEASE WILL STATE THAT LARDINOIS WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON AT THE INVITATION OF SECRETARY BUTX, AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WILL BE TO DISCUSS GENERAL AGRICULTURAL MATTERS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE SOYBEAN AND RAIN SITUATION WITH SECRETARY BUTZ. GREENWALD

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